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1. ROK COUNTER ESPIONAGE OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS (CEOH) MAY 21 ANNOUNCED A FIRE FIGHT DURING PREVIOUS NIGHT BETWEEN ROK SECURITY FORCES AND NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATORS ON CH'UJA ISLAND, LOCATED BETWEEN CHEJU AND MAINLAND. ONE NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATOR AND FOUR ON ROK SIDE WERE REPORTED KILLED, INCLUDING ONE POLICEMAN, ONE LOCAL OFFICIAL, AND TWO HOMELAND RESERVISTS. CEOH ANNOUNCEMENT SAID HOMELAND RESERVE HAD GUARDED COAST TO PREVENT EXFILTRATION AND THAT SEARCH WAS LAUNCHED AT DAYLIGHT. ANNOUNCEMENT SAID INFILTRATORS WERE DISCOVERED BY A LOCAL RESIDENT WHO REPORTED THEM. AS OF COB MAY 21 REMAINING AGENTS STILL NOT CAPTURED.

2. CEOH ANNOUNCEMENT REFERRED TO MARCH 15 DISCOVERY OF ULLUNGDO SPY RING AND SAID THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR ARMED AGENTS WERE ALSO LANDED AT TONGYONG, SOUTH KYONGSANG PROVINCE ON FEB. 16 AND AT YONGDOK, NORTH KYONGSANG ON MARCH 24. ANNOUNCEMENT VIEWED THIS AS EVIDENCE NORTH WAS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO INFILTRATE AGENTS BY SEA.
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